

a honeycomb structure having a periphery and two ends, including a plurality of passages which are defined by partition walls and extend in an axial direction between the ends; and

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a composition including (a) a zeolite and (b) a heat-resistant oxide, other than zeolite, loaded with a noble metal, said composition being coated on the partition walls.

Please add new Claims 13 and 14 as follows:

13. The adsorbent of claim 1, wherein said heat resistant oxide comprises a material selected from the group consisting of Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 , ZrO_2 or SiO_2 .

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14. The adsorbent structure of claim 3, wherein said heat resistant oxide comprises a material selected from the group consisting of Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 , ZrO_2 or SiO_2 .

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 11-14 are pending herein. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended herein, while new Claims 13 and 14 have been added.

1. Examiners Preisch and Griffin are thanked for courtesies extended during a personal interview on November 19, 1996 with applicants' undersigned attorney. During the interview, the amendments herein to Claims 1 and 3 and new dependent Claims 13 and 14 were proposed. The cited prior art was discussed during the